OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

STATE OF MISSOURI,)	No. ED100471
)	
Respondent,)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
)	of the City of St. Louis
vs.)	
)	Honorable Steven R. Ohmer
DERRICK L. CARRAWELL,)	
)	
Appellant.)	FILED: February 10, 2015

Appellant Derrick Carrawell ("Carrawell") appeals the judgment of the trial court entered upon a jury verdict finding Carrawell guilty of one count of the class C felony of possession of a controlled substance. The trial court sentenced Carrawell as a prior and persistent drug offender to 12 years' imprisonment. On appeal, Carrawell argues that the trial court erred in denying his motion to suppress evidence of a shopping bag containing heroin seized from him by police.

AFFIRMED.

<u>Division III holds</u>: Because the officers searched the shopping bag incident to Carrawell's lawful arrest, the trial court properly admitted the contents of the bag into evidence. We affirm the judgment of the trial court.

Opinion by: Kurt S. Odenwald, P.J., Robert G. Dowd, Jr., J. and Gary M. Gaertner, Jr., J., Concur.

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